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Seventh Commem On June 13

Complete Siam Regular Issue

Bi-lingual stamps, those which carry inscriptions in two languages are not uncommon, but those which carry three don't happen from many places.

One of the countries which do have the tri-linguals is Siam, or Thailand. And the 1951-52 issue for regular postage is a good example. Inscriptions are in Thai, English and French.

Pictured in the design is King Phumiphol Aduldej, the design itself having originated in the Posts and Telegraph Department of Thailand. Printing was by Waterlow & Sons, Ltd. of London, England from engraved plates on unwatermarked paper perfed 12½.

According to F. Wronker, secretary of the Siam Philatelic Society, denominations as follows now complete the issue. They are:

—5 satangs, red violet, issued June 4, 1951.

—10s dark green, issued June 4, 1951

—15s brown, issued January 15, 1952

—25s carmine, issued February 15, 1951

—1 Baht blue, issued June 4, 1951

—2B blue green, issued December 1, 1951

—3B grey, issued December 1, 1951

Mr. Wronker advises that the 25 Satangs light and dark blue United Nations commem was released on October 24, 1951. Approximately 100,000 were sold to date with the balance being kept for possible future use for UN Day in 1952 at which time the stamps might be reissued with a "1952" overprint.

Anniversary Dinner For Scranton Club

On Saturday May 10 the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philatelic Society of Scranton will celebrate the fourth anniversary of its founding with a dinner at the Dietrick Hotel.

Featured speaker of the evening will be Ignatz Reiner, vice president of the Society of Philatelic Americans. Mr. Reiner will show and talk about his "Black Jack" and Tibetan collections.

FOR THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY, LAFAYETTE'S ARRIVAL. This is the 3c commemorative stamp which will be placed on first day sale at Georgetown, S. C. on June 13. This is the place and date he is said to have landed on his first visit to America during the Colonial Revolution. There will be an initial printing of 110 million in a blue color.

Fabulous Philatelic Book Describes Collections Of Late Kings George V, VI

by Robson Lowe

(Editors Note:—Ever since the announcement of its impending release some months ago, "The Royal Collection", by Sir John Wilson, has created a tremendous amount of curiosity among collectors generally. Few will ever own it, due to a limited edition and its selling price of $180, but nearly all would like to know more about it. The following account by Robson Lowe gives a few of the highlights of the book).

When one writes of "The Royal Collection" one refers to the remarkable collection founded by King George V and maintained by His Majesty, the late King George VI.

The collection is housed in some 330 red volumes containing the issues up to the end of 1935 and comprises the collection formed by King George V. His son, the late King George VI, maintained the collection by adding certain rarities and pieces that helped complete the studies commenced by his father. In addition, a new collection was started, which filled over 40 volumes and in which His Majesty included the stamps of Great Britain and the British Commonwealth issues during his own reign.

To distinguish this collection from that formed by his father, the albums housing King George VI's personal collection are bound in blue.

The collection is restricted to the stamps issued by the British Commonwealth. With the exception of certain rarities and pieces needed for philatelic research, the collection is restricted to unused copies.

To give the reader some idea of the scope of the collection here is a brief description of two countries. The first is **Bermuda.**

The famous local provisionals issued by W. B. Perot the Postmaster of Hamilton, and made by adapting impressions of the Hamilton date-stamp are represented by three copies—

1d. black on greyish paper dated 1848.

1d. red on white paper dated 1853.

1d. red on blue paper dated 1854.

The first and third of these examples were bought in 1922. The second was one of two which had at one time been a pair and were found in a desk.

The first definitive issue that appeared between 1865 and 1873 printed by De La Rue & Co. include the die proofs in black on white glazed card of the 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d and 1/- and similar die proofs, but in the issued colors of all but the threepence.

The issued stamps are represented by mint blocks and most values overprinted "SPECIMEN" and the well known variety of the 1/- green, imperforate between horizontally, is shown in a vertical

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The distributors of this book in the United States are:—

H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22, N. Y., and

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Long overdue for commemorative stamp recognition is the man to whom the Colonial Revolutionists owed considerable—for financial, spiritual and leadership contributions at a time when their cause appeared darkest. He is the Marquis Marie Jean Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier de Lafayette. French general and statesman, orphan, nobleman of the court of France, wealthy in his own right and a zealot in the cause for liberty, Lafayette was inspired to immediate action when the American Revolution came to his notice. Even though hampered by government officials who tried to prevent him doing so, he fitted out a ship which sailed from Passages in Spain having military stores and other equipment.

In describing the stamp which honors the intrepid marquis, the Post Office Department bulletin read:

Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson announced the description of the 3c stamp to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the Marquis de LaFayette in America, which will be first placed on sale at Georgetown, South Carolina, on June 13, 1952. It was at this point that LaFayette landed on June 13, 1777.

The stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally, with a double outline frame, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated, and issued in sheets of 50. The color of the stamp will be blue.

An initial printing order of 110,000,000 LaFayette stamps has been authorized.

The stamp has for its central design a portrait of LaFayette in an oval frame. The American flag is displayed to the left of the portrait, and to the right the French flag. A cannon of the period herein represented appears under the American flag.

Beneath the French flag is shown an artist's conception of the landing party rowing ashore with the "Victoire" lying offshore. In a dark panel which forms the top of the stamp appears the wording "Arrival of LaFayette in America—1777" in white face Gothic.

Located in the bottom center a dark ornamental panel frames the lettering "U. S." Postage" in white face modified Gothic. The denomination "3c", also in modified white face Gothic, in a dark square panel is placed in each lower corner of the stamp.

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancelations of this stamp may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of ten, to the Postmaster, Georgetown, South Carolina, with money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "FIRST DAY COVERS."

Algeria Honors Army Of Africa

France's African Army came in for some philatelic recognition when on April 11 was issued a single dark green commem in vertical format with a face value of 12fr.

The stamp was produced with part of the modern city to be seen in the background.

A first day cover received from Pierre A. Cubells, 2 Rue des Graviers, Soissons (Aisne) France shows a commemorative postmark applied at Algiers.

Five For The Railroad Fans

The Postmaster General of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia announced the issuance of a new series of stamps in five denominations to commemorate the opening of the Saudi Government Railroad.

They are the first ones to be engraved in the United States and were prepared by the American Bank Note Company. One hundred thousand of each denomination have been printed.

The stamps, contrast the old and the new in Saudi Arabia, portraying a Bedouin on a camel waving to an engineer on an approaching train. The half qirsh is in brown the one qirsh in green, and three qirsh in purple, the ten qirsh in red and the twenty qirsh in blue. (One Saudi qirsh equals about 2.5 cents in American courrency).

The stamps, which are the first to be printed in English and Arabic, will be on sale at all post offices in Saudi Arabia and can also be purchased through normal philatelic sources in the United States.

The Saudi Government Railroad runs from Dammam on the Persian Gulf 350 miles inland to the capital city of Riyadh, and is the first railroad in the Kingdom. The $50,000,000 railroad and Dammam port projects were built by the Government. The entire project, which is being paid for by the Government out of oil royalties, is assisting materially in the rapid industrial development of Saudi Arabia.

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FABULOUS BOOK
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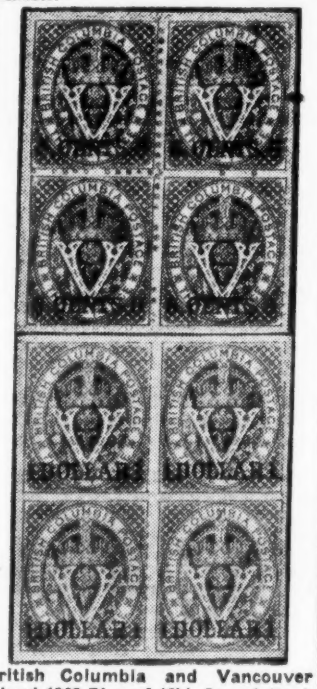
strip of three. All values are there in imperforate state, including a pair of the 6d. mauve on cover addressed in the King's writing to Her Royal Highness, the Princess of Wales, at Sandringham and was sent by King George to his mother (later Queen Adelaide) when he was in Bermuda in December 1890.

There is a similar cover addressed to the Princess of Wales at Marlborough House and bearing the 4d. red-orange issued in 1880.

Coming to more recent years, there are two copies of the 2½d. sage-green used on cover and carried by the airship "Los Angeles" from Bermuda to Lakehurst, U. S. A. and dated 17th April 1925.

Now let us turn the pages to those stamps of neighboring colonies — **British Columbia & Vancouver Island.**

The first stamp was issued in 1859, the 2½d. There are two die proofs in black on white glazed card, one with an outer border. There are two imperforate corner pairs showing the plate number "1" from the imprimatur sheets registered on December 19th 1859. There are three other imperforate copies, one with a forged cancellation!



British Columbia and Vancouver Island 1868-71 perf 12½, 5c red (top) and $1 green (bottom) in blocks of four.

The 1865 Vancouver Island 5 and 10 cents commence with die proofs of both values in black on white glazed card. The rare imperforate 5 cents is represented by two mint and one used, and the 10 cents by a mint pair with corner margins as well as two mint singles and one used. Both values perforated are shown in mint blocks of four.

The 1869 surcharges on the 3d. are complete in mint blocks of four, both perforated 12½ and 14. Of the former, only one other set is recorded in blocks of four. There is a complete set overprinted "SPECIMEN", one overprinted "CANCELLED" and the 50 cents is shown imperforate.

During the reign of King George V the Keeper of the King's Stamps was Sir Edward Denny Bacon, M.V.O., but the latter died in 1936 and the post was filled by the present Keeper, Sir John Wilson, C.V.O., L.L.D.

The latter is one of the greatest philatelic students that philately has ever known, certainly his vast knowledge has never been surpassed. A collector in his own right, Sir John's expert knowledge is not confined to the stamps of the British Empire but includes an unusally broad field of study of the classics issued of all countries.

For nearly five years he has been engaged in the task of preparing an official history of the Royal Collection and this volume was to have been published this Spring by the gracious permission of His Majesty, and will be entitled "The Royal Philatelic Collection".

Owing to the death of His Majesty, the publication date, which will be announced in the course of the next few weeks, has had to be postponed for a month or so.

The first section of the book deals with the history and formation of the collection and of King George V's special tastes and interests in collecting, illustrated with many hitherto unpublished photographs.

These include specimen pages from the collection, the introductory pages of the special presentation volume of the Canadian Diamond Jubilee stamps and a set of these famous issues as mounted and illuminated in this volume.

Two Royal covers—one from Queen Victoria to Queen Adelaide, initialled by Queen Victoria, the other from King George V, then Duke of York, to Queen Mary then Princess of Wales.

A presentation specimen of the first Transatlantic postage stamp —the Hawker—mounted on a card with Hawker's signature.

A Windsor Castle card bearing autographs of John Alcock, pilot and A. Whitten Brown, navigator, the first men to carry air mail successfully across the Atlantic Ocean.

There are many other illustrations in this section of the book with some original drawings and essays including those from the Silver Jubilee of 1935, as well as photographs of the Stamp Room at Buckingham Palace and one of the bookcases which house the collection—all of which serve to make the reader of the book familiar with the setting in which these Crown Jewels of philately are mounted.

It may interest you to hear the opening paragraphs of the first chapter:—

"The appraisal of a stamp collection and of the discrimination and genius of the person who formed it cannot be attempted without some consideration of the history of collecting.

"Curiously enough, the history of collecting is very little understood, as enthusiasts of the present day begin with an accumulated knowledge; they do not bother to spend time examining how that knowledge has been acquired.

"King George V's collection was largely formed during the second half century of the postage stamp. It is, therefore, relevant to give a very brief resume of progress in the first half of that century.

"The first adhesive postage stamp was issued in Great Britain on 6th May 1840. For the next 20 years, collecting was largely confined to schoolboys and cranks, with a handful of serious students, and it was not until 1862 that catalogues began to appear. These were followed by albums and periodicals devoted to the cult. The increased interest naturally gave birth to the dealer.

"In 1869 the first philatelic society was formed in London and the present Royal Philatelic Society, London, with its 865 Fellows and Members in all parts of the world, reveals how well the original handful of enthusiastics built the foundation of the Society.

"For the first forty years of scientific study of stamps there was never any lack of problems to be solved. Many of the primitive stamps had been engraved on plates by hand and, as no engraver can exactly duplicate a design, each unit obviously differed. Until these stamps had been plated, no one could be certain that he did not own a forgery.

"Such work took time and collaboration (1892 the plating of the 3d. Sydney View was still being corrected) but these were obvious problems and they were largely solved. Typeset stamps presented similar features and were plated in the same way, and the details of differences in embossing dies were carefully described.

"Paper (which involved watermarks) and perforations were largely mastered but very little attention was paid to the less evident and more obscure points. The knowledge of die-produced line-engraved plates was elementary; the solution of the settings of lithographed stamps, except in the relatively few instances where each design was drawn separately on the stone, had hardly been touched; and the technique of stereotyped or electrotyped stamps was very little understood. Even Bacon, the greatest student of his time, propounded the theory in 1892 that the Cape of Good Hope issue of 1861 had been lithographed, and although he rapidly corrected his opinion, it showed a lack of mastery of technique; as an examination of even a very few specimens of those stamps would convince any practical printer that they were not the product of any flat printing service.

"Generally, unless connected pieces showed obviously different types, they were cut up. Mahe records that his block of nine red Mercuries could only be sold one by one; Griebert similarly dispersed a large piece of the 1/3 gr. of Oldenburg; and the strip of four 4d. Ceylon in the Tapling Collection has had to be rejoined, as the dealer who had it immediately broke it into four fine singles.

"The albums of the time (especially the earliest albums) of course contributed to this vandalism, as the object then was to pack as many different designs and colors on to one page as was possible.

"All the leading early collectors set the fashion for the unused stamp. The greatest object was to have everything unused in all possible shades of color. The actual beauty of the specimens was desirable but it was better to have the stamp, however indifferent, than not have it; and small defects such as a thinning, a stain or a little tear hardly affected the valuation at all.

"The main emphasis was on rarity. All the early exhibitions featured and emphasized rare stamps and in the collections of the time generally far less attention was paid to the quality or completeness of the less valued specimens. It was hardly possible, either, to have too much of a good thing, and there would be rows of rare stamps which would simply be looked upon today as needless duplication and bloating".

Then follows the Catalogue of the collection in which every essay, proof, piece and stamp is described and, as will be seen from the proof pages, every item of importance to the philatelic student is described with considerable detail.

There are 48 monochrome lithographic plates illustrating the Catalogue and consisting of sixteen plates of Great Britain and Possessions in Europe, eight of British North America and the West Indies, eight of Africa,, eight of Asia and eight of Australia.

There are also 12 color plates. More than forty colors are used in certain of these plates which illustrate, with exceptional beauty and accuracy some of the finest and rarest examples in the collection. The United States Treasury Department has lifted its ban on colored reproductions of postage stamps so that collectors in the United States may be able to possess this unique volume.

And now for a word on the production of the book. The full binding is red Niger morocco and the front of the binding will carry the Royal Arms in gold. The size of the volume is 14 inches by 12 inches and there are approximately 550 pages.

It is possible that I have sounded too enthusiastic about a mere book, but there is nothing that I told you that is not factual. To those collectors like myself, for whom knowledge and philatelic appreciation far outweigh the pride of possession, this volume is going to provide a permanent source of information and enjoyment.

I realize that even all those who can afford to buy such a work will be unable to possess a copy owing to the limited edition, but I believe that there will be sufficient so that all the larger societies and libraries will be able to obtain a copy for their members. I only hope that the other type of collector—the lover of rare and beautiful books—will not have his enthusiasm so aroused that philatelists wil find undue competition from another hobby.

Since the war, selected pages of the Royal Collection have been shown at International Exhibitions in New York, Paris, Brussels, London, Melbourne and Toronto and during 1952 other parts of the collection will be shown at Cape Town and probably at some of the European exhibitions.

King George VI continued the happy custom established by his father, King Georve V, that the first fixture in each season in the program of the Royal Philatelic Society is the display of a country from the Royal Collection.

Philatelists were especially proud of the interest in their hobby shown by the late King. While we cannot express any greater sense of loss than that felt by any other body of his peoples, the intangible bonds between stamp collectors have underlined the grief which all of us have experienced.

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Most of the major known varieties from normal are recorded, while in some instances the distinguishing feature is described or pictured. This U. S. Gibbons can be considered a very usable book for working with and cataloging United States and Possessions issues.

There are 81 pages between heavy paper covers. Selling price is 50c postage and duty paid from Jacob Habib, 1407 Sheridan Ave., New York 56, N. Y.

Obsoletes Can Be Shown In Color

Colored pictures of demonetized foreign postage stamps may be lawfully printed and published in the United States, as well as imported if there is no fraudulent intent.

This is the gist of a letter which Thomas J. Lynch, General Counsel of the Treasury Department, has written to Gordon R. Harmer, president of Scott Publications, Inc., in answer to a query from Mr. Harmer.

"The Treasury Department considers a demonetized postage stamp to be a stamp which is not valid for postage within the country which issued it," writes Mr. Lynch. "A canceled or defaced foreign postage stamp, which in unused condition is currently valid for postage, is not considered to be a demonetized stamp. A reproduction of such stamp in color is deemed by the department to be a print or impression in the likeness of an obligation or other security of a foreign government, and is . . . prohibited."

Before answering Mr. Harmer, the Treasury Department submitted his query to the Attorney General, who replied in part: ". . . the precise question . . . is whether demonetized postage stamps which are not considered obligations by the governments which issued them are obligations or securities of foreign governments within the meaning of . . . (the United States Code.) I think it clear on the basis of the uniform decisions of the courts that such stamps are not within the purview of section 481 (of the Code)."

Mr. Lynch points out that the Attorney General's opinion on this point "has no application to the illustration of United States postage stamps." These still must be made only in black and white, only for philatelic purposes, and must be either reduced to three-quarters normal size or smaller, or enlarged to one and one-half times or larger.

Maine Collectors At Portland In May

The Portland Stamp Club, A.P.S. Life Chapter in Portland, Maine, will be the host club when the members of the Maine Philatelic Society gather in Portland in mid-May for the semi-annual meeting and Spring Exhibition.

A special committee appointed to plan program arrangements includes: E. Frederick Low, chairman; Norman Brookings, Maurice A. Storck, Warren J. Turner, Mrs. Cecil F. Tasker, Miss Edna Low, Everett M. Hall, and Chester H. Pierce.

Officers for 1952 recently elected by the Portland Stamp Club are: Harry P. Webber, president; Everett M. Hall, vice president; Mrs Chester H. Pierce, secretary 111 State St., Portland; and Mrs. E. Frederick Low, treasurer.

Meetings of the Portland Stamp Club are held twice each month (except July and August) on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings at the Hotel Eastland in the Colonial Room. A "Dutch-treat" Dinner at 6:30 p. m. is followed by a brief business session and any one of a variety of philatelic programs. The Club's own Spring Exhibition was held March 26, with a number of the members participating. Visitors and friends of philately are always welcome.

Nicaragua Has Thorough Cleanup

by Richard N. Cone

Sweeping developments on the philatelic scene in Nicaragua during recent weeks have brought to practical completion a 15 year old program of philatelic housecleaning by the government of President Somoza. We include here the major details, some of them previously unpublicized and little known.

In 1937 General Anastasio Somoza was elected president of Nicaragua. That year brought an end to the overprints and surcharges on Nicaraguan stamps. With seven minor exceptions in the ordinary postage stamps, the last of them in 1943, there have been no overprints of any kind. Thus effectively was terminated the long period which gave rise to many complaints by stamp collectors.

In 1944 a young man, Sr. Agustin Vanegas Pallais, who had already proved his organizational ability in another post at the National Palace, was placed in full charge of the newly created Philatelic Office of Nicaragua. Sr. Vanegas promptly brought order to the chaos which had previously existed with the Nicaraguan stamp stocks. A complete inventory was taken and lists of the available stock were prepared and given to all interested collectors and dealers requesting them. The lists include complete descriptions of all Nicaraguan stamps available at face value at the Philatelic Office, each being identified by Scott catalogue number.

Sr. Vanegas, in order to eradicate more completely the malpractices of Nicaraguan philatelic history and to prevent their possible repetition, set out in 1949 to accomplish the complete destruction of all the engraving materials, dies, rolls and plates, used in the production of all Nicaraguan postage stamps by every firm ever employed by the Nicaraguan government.

To facilitate the necessary technical discussions with each printing house, Sr. Vanegas undertook a thorough and intensive study of English in England, where the project commenced. Thus armed with the ability to understand and be understood, he proceeded methodically to obtain certifications to the destruction of the Nicaraguan stamp equipment in the hands of Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., the American Bank Note Company, the Hamilton Bank Note Company and others.

The net result is that today the Nicaraguan government has documentary proof of destruction of all such materials used in the production of all basic Nicaraguan stamps ever produced for that country by foreign firms. Moreover, the present philatelic laws provide that all such materials used for future Nicaraguan stamps be destroyed by the printing houses BEFORE the stamps are actually delivered to the Nicaraguan government. Thus no reprintings of any Nicaraguan stamps will ever be possible.

The last phase of Nicaragua's tremendous efforts at philatelic rehabilitation occurred after Sr. Vanegas' return home from the United States in February of this year. Collectors had long been aware of, and incensed at, the flow of fraudulent Nicaraguan stamps from Nicaragua. Complaints were frequently made to the Nicaraguan Embassy at Washington, the American Embassy at Managua and to the Philatelic Office at Managua. Detailed information on many fraudulent practices, counterfeit cancellations and overprints were presented during the past five years in the "Aero Philatelist's News," publication of Aero Philatelists, Inc.

In mid-March the stamp stocks of certain Nicaraguan dealers were seized by that government. The ensuing examination and trial brought to light a great quantity of spurious stamps and a variety of counterfeit cancels. All this material is scheduled for public destruction. As a result every Nicaraguan stamp dealer is required to deliver to the government all counterfeit material. To enforce this ruling the law now provides that from May 1, 1952, forward every Nicaraguan dealer will be fined 10,000 Cordobas, equal to $2,000 U. S., for EACH counterfeit stamp found in his possession.

Further, Sr. Vanegas urges every dealer or collector to send full details of any future fraudulent transaction on the part of any Nicaraguan stamp dealer to the following address, so that proper corrective steps can be taken:

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In "Miniature Masterpieces" which appeared in the April 21 edition it was written that Noah Webster appeared on the 10c denomination. This, of course, is incorrect, as many of you have pointed out in notes and letters.

Actually, it is Daniel Webster, (1782-1852), statesman, orator and constitutional lawyer. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1801—in 1812 elected to Congress—became famous as a speaker and lawyer—and in Tyler's administration served as Secretary of State.

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We Had Company

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell J. Ragatz of Worthington, Ohio, spent the week end with Mrs. Linn and myself recently and of course we can not count out Veronica whom they call "Ronnie". It takes a lot of explaining to put this family picture before you in the right manner for various reasons.

GEORGE W. LINN

Lowell is perhaps best known in stamp circles as George Van Den Berg under which name for years past he has written a column for Stamps Magazine, or is it Stamps Newspaper? Anyhow Lowell Ragatz has written that column and George Van Den Berg has received all the credit. My first acquaintance with Lowell Ragatz was by correspondence. He was a student at the University at Madison, Wisconsin a long time ago. He also was a stamp collector, just as I was. Even back in those days I was active as a stamp paper publisher and Lowell and I were more or less regular correspondents, all through his college years. After that if memory serves me right he traveled a great bit and was abroad at different times. His present occupation is that of a Professor of English History at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

During all those years he was a keen stamp collector, and student, so very busy with his work and his hobby that he put off marriage and making a home till later in life. He now has a lovely wife named Janet, and the most recent acquisition is one of the best little girls it has ever been my good fortune to see. She will be two years old this June. Ronnie was with them for the week end at our home and never once did that little girl cry or whine, she was as bright and active and as friendly as a grown up could be if they tried. Must be due to the distinguished parents she can boast.

Still we must give Janet some credit where most of it is perhaps due. We do believe in giving credit in the right places.

We spent the better part of two days looking at and talking about stamps and stamp people and stamp things. Lowell has a great fund of knowledge on these subjects. It may be due to this reason that Janet has recently taken a notion to write also and we are fortunate in that she has chosen to supply that copy to our paper for publication. We feel sure that if Janet will just keep her ears open she will pick up a lot of things that we can and will print and if Lowell is not careful he will have to get busy and brush up and dust off his laurels or Janet might become the shining Philatelic Star of the family.

Her interests recently have turned to the "garbage of philately". We mean any or all of these things that look like stamps, are foisted on the unknowing collector and on the youth of the land under the name of or with the implication that they are stamps. Seems a pity that some dealers insist on selling such material In these days with more real stamps than any dealer can handle or any collector can collect why do some of them have to pick on this line of trash and offer it in conjunction with stamp sales.

Well, before I get too far off in another direction we will say that we greatly enjoyed the visit from the Ragatz-Van Den Berg family and hope that some day we can pay them a return visit where we know we will find a heap of information and philatelic things of genuine interest and we also want to see that baby again.

The Rainy Season

If we have what can be called a rainy season around here it is certainly showing off this afternoon as I sit in my stamp room writing this copy and looking out the rear window on to the back lawn and up over the terrace to the big new home that has been built on the street behind us. The land there is quite a hill and the house sits up high on the hill. It was just finished last fall and the landscaping is not yet completed. They have no grass on the yard and when the rains come the surface washes away and comes rolling down into Marie's flower beds. Her peonies which are always so beautiful in late May were covered with silt and muck. Only in the past week have they finally come through after she has carefully scraped away some of the top soil and has she been frantic. The new neighbors are lovely people and have planned to build a limestone wall across the rear of their yard to keep their surface water from washing down into our yard but the wall is not yet built and now with a heavy rain this afternoon, the water is again making little rivers all along the back of our yard, the peonies will probably be covered again and Mrs. Linn is worrying about her flowers.

In another two weeks, or by the time you are reading this we will be in Florida. We are taking a late trip this year just to see how we might like Florida in the hotter months. We expect to run all over the state from about the 10th of May up into early June. Our object is to see if we can convince ourselves that Florida would be a place we would like to live in for the rest of our days. If we find "utopia" we expect to buy a home and settle there. If we can not become convinced we will stay where we are, for we both like Sidney very much.

It is a funny thing, a large percentage of the people with whom we have talked and expressed such plans seem enthused over the thought and tell us frankly that they envy us, others wouldn't live in Florida if you gave them a place. After all I guess all these things are just a matter for each individual to decide for themselves and that will be what we are planning to do, so that is the reason for our trip.

Our Special Issues

For the past year we have been devoting the last issue in each month to some one of the many different Specialist Collector Groups. Last issue for April was for the France and Colonies Group. This was a splendid issue and should interest all collectors. On the editorial page of that issue we listed coming issues for May to August. We might suggest that dealers who have merchandise that fit into any of these various categories of collecting would find these desirable editions to make offers of such material.

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There would be little use in attempting to go farther than that as when it comes to fancy box stationery as sold in many stores, any size may appear as there is no set standard on such envelopes and such types of envelopes are undesirable for anyone doing much personal or business correspondence.

When it comes to envelopes of the usual business quality we have two lots of envelopes to consider. The regular commercial envelopes as sold and made by the big paper manufacturers and the Government Envelopes which are printed with the stamp in the corner. The size tables in these two classes of envelopes vary considerably and are confusing to the public, but it should be remembered that ordinarily in speaking about envelope sizes, unless the Government or stamped envelopes are referred to the sizes are for the regular Commercial envelopes.

Here are the numbers of the sizes with the dimensions of the standard **commercial** envelopes used for correspondence. The flap is on the long edge. Sizes in inches.

No. 5 —3 1/16 x 5½
No. 6 —3⅜ x 6
No. 6¼—3½ x 6
No. 6¾—3⅝ x 6½
No. 7 —3¾ x 6¾
No. 7¾—3⅞ x 7½
Executive—3⅞ x 7½
No. 9 —3⅞ x 8⅞
No. 10 —4⅛ x 9½
No. 10½—4½ x 9½
No. 11 —4½ x 10⅜
No. 12 —4¾ x 11
No. 14 —5 x 11½

In the above list the No. 6¾ is the standard size correspondence envelope most used. For a return envelope to fit inside this envelope the Number 6¼ is the most used. In large size envelopes the Number 10 is the most commonly used.

Government sizes and numbers are as follows:

No. 5—3½ x 6 5/16
No. 13—3¾ x 6¾
No. 6—3⅝ x 8⅝
No. 7—3⅞ x 8⅞
No. 8—4⅛ x 9½

In the above list the number 13 is the size most commonly used for correspondence and the nearest in size to the commercial 6¾ size.

In addition to the above which are regular postage envelopes the Air Mail envelopes are also available in sizes 13 and 8 only.

Data For Italy, Trieste Issues

P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J. informs that recent Trieste commemorative issues have been stabilized at 150,000 each. He further reports that first-day dates are now available, after a period of some confusion, for the recent change-of-rate stamps.

For the first time, these were not issued simultaneously for Trieste, but at later dates. Mr. Ostrow gives first-day data as follows:

50L. Special Delivery, Italy, Dec. 18, 1951; Trieste, Feb. 4, 1952.

30L. Parcel Post, Italy Jan. 19, 1952; Trieste ??

20L. Authorized Delivery, Italy, Feb. 1, 1952; Trieste, Feb. 4, 1952.

100L. Postage Due, Italy, Feb. 1, 1952; Trieste, Feb. 11, 1952.

1000L. airmail, Rome overprint, Trieste Feb. 18, 1952.

Rondini, Italian Stamp Designer

by William Wonneberger, Jr.

Pratically every stamp collection houses a set of the beautiful and striking Prisoner of War issue of Vatican City. These stamps were produced in three groups of three stamps each in 1942, 1944, and 1945, to bring the attention of the world to the efforts of the Vatican to aid prisoners of war of both sides in World War II.

Giuseppe Rondini

This work of art was the designing of Giuseppe Rondini, noted artist.

Giuseppe Rondini entered this world on November 7, 1886 in Palermo, Italy as the son of the proud parents, Giacomo and Elvira Gasperoni. At an early age his ambitions turned to the field of art. Even from the beginning of this new profession, Rondini always met with success. He took part in many expositions from Venice to Palermo and finally rested his masterpieces in the Gallery of Modern Art in Palermo, and in Rome the Gallery of Mussolini and the Museum of Rome.

His first attempt at stamp designing was the Sixth Fair semi-postals of Tripoli. He then went on to design practically all the stamps for the Italian Colonies in Africa, those of the Medal of Honor, Bicentenary of Orazio, and the Centenary of Vincenzo Bellini for Italy.

Upon the death of his beloved wife, Rondini retired to the seclusion of a monastery in Rome. In this religious sanctuary he works for his own pleasure expecting to do so for the rest of his worldly days.

The photo at the top of this article is a portrait of Rondini painted by himself.

Cachet, Slogan For Burlington Founding

The Burlington Stamp Club is going to have a printed cachet in conjunction with a slogan cancellation commemorating the 275th anniversary of the founding of Burlington, N. J. A stuffer will be used which shows and describes a few of the many places of historical interest in the city.

The cacheted covers will be first used on July 2 (the day the Constitution of New Jersey was signed in 1776), and will cost ten cents each. Requests for same should be sent to Walter J. Budd, 222 Wood St., Burlington, N. J.

NEW U. S. FIRST DAYS

May 15—Grand Coulee Dam 3c, Grand Coulee, Wash. (50 per pane, 110 million). Send Covers for first day service to Postmaster, Spokane, Wash.

June 13—Lafayette 3c, Georgetown, S. C. (50 per pane, 110 million).

????—Newsboys
????—Red Cross
????—Mt. Rushmore
????—Civil Engineers
????—Bible

ISSUED TO DATE

1004—Betsy Ross 3c, Philadelphia, January 2.

1005—4-H 3c, Springfield, Ohio January 15.

1006—B&O RR 3c, Baltimore, Md., February 28.

1007—AAA Safety 3c, Chicago, Ill. March 4.

C46—80c Airmail, Honolulu, Hawaii March 26.

1008—NATO 3c, Washington, D. C., April 4.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors can send not more than ten envelopes, each with a name and address, to the postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for first day service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed to the covers.

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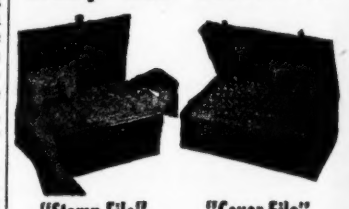

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U.S. NOTES

By CARL P. RUETH

Man the Lifeboats!! We've hit bottom.

The design for the Lafayette commem is a new low in unimaginative and corny stamp designing.

With all the wonderful things about this wonderful man which might have been shown on a stamp in his honor, the Post Office Department comes up with this sub-kindergarten label.

What can a cannon out in the middle of a desert, or a boatload of indistinguishable dots tell us about this gallant Frenchman who helped to save our Colonial skins?

The portrait is acceptable, but why use up 50% of the available space with an unartistic and certainly gravity-defying display of the United States and French Flags?

We'll owe the descendants of the French nobleman and the people of France an apology when this one hits the stamp counters.

Shame to the Post Office Department.

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1. The last time a cannon appeared on a commem was in a stamp design somewhat similar in format to the forthcoming Lafayette. Know which one? Not the Ft. Bliss?

2. When was the last time a Frenchman appeared on a commem?

Nelson P. LaGanke of Cleveland, Ohio has sent a copy of "Graphic 2" a piece of advertising literature produced to advertise the products of the Harris-Seybold Co. One of the products is a machine which puts the tiny holes around each postage stamp —a perforator.

Design of the machine itself was the work of engineers of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing who incorporated the electric eye to help keep the perforations as near the center between stamps as possible.

Pointed out is the fact that before this machine came into being and use, it was not out of the ordinary for as high as 25% of the printed stamps to be condemned for poor perforating.

Now, with its use, and at a much higher rate of production the spoilage averages from 1 to 1½%.

As you know, nearly all our current stamps are printed on the rotary presses. Simply it means that a roll of blank paper unwinds at one end of the press, gets a dampening, is impressed with the stamp design, dried, coated with gum, dried and then formed into another roll.

It can be understood that with this dampening, drying and stretching going on the stamp designs can become slightly whopper-jawed as they appear on the paper. That makes it sort of tough to keep the perfs centered between adjacent stamps.

But the electric eye controls a mechanism which shifts the perforating pins in a split second to meet any observed variation. And it is revealing to know that this roll of paper 18 inches wide and approximately 3000 feet long goes through the perforator at the rate of 340 feet per minute.

Describing the equipment, the Harris-Seybold brochure states, "In each electric eye perforator there are two separate perforating units, one for the holes down the length of the paper, and one for the lateral holes. The longitudinal unit has a series of wheels fitted with punch pins that mesh perfectly with a series of wheels drilled to act as dies. The lateral unit consists of two 13" diameter cylinders, one equipped with 36 or 44 rows of punch pins, depending upon the size of stamp being perforated, and one with 36 or 44 rows of dies holes.

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AIN'T I AWFUL DEPT.?—In the mail this week came the following message of love, similar ones to which I have received from time to time. It says:—

"I am sick and tired of your everlasting tirade against the use of blue on commems—many of us like the color of the B & O stamp and your continued wordage is an insult to our intelligence."

Believe me, I am not against the color of blue, only that washed out shade which makes the above-mentioned B & O commem a foggy blur. Those people who collect and/or view the better foreign stamps with their generally well chosen colors will know what I mean.

Honest, there is quite a difference in favor of the Swiss, French, Austrian, etc.

Here's how I feel about the controversial **blue:**—

"THAT BLUE"

I love it in a summer sky;
In the eyes of a baby scamp.
In the ribboned bow, on a girl's chapeau,
But not on a postage stamp!

That Rueth got talent—hunh?

Roland H. Imse, Jr. of St. Petersburg, Fla. states that that community now has one of the "Defense Bond Flag City" slogan cancels in use. In case you want an impression send your covers or cards properly stamped and addressed to the postmaster with your request for an impression.

H. B. Wheeler, Dallas, Texas states that the following is a true story, but you can suit yourself in the matter.

It so happens that a lady was visiting a small Texas town where she had resided a few weeks before and was told that a letter addressed to her had been sent to the Dead Letter Office because she had not left a forwarding address. She wrote the Dead Letter Office and, not receiving a reply, wrote again as follows.

"I wrote you three weeks ago concerning a letter addressed to me forwarded to your office. I have not received a reply and I am beginning to think that there is something dead in your office besides the letters."

Tsk, tsk. Such forthrightness!

The Rev. Paul E. Alden of Franklin, Ind., commenting about my page one article in the April 21 edition offers additional interesting material on Russell, Majors & Waddell. He wrote:

"Thank you very much for your deeply interesting and informative article on Russell, Majors & Waddell...."

"In view of your emphasis on the religious principles and conscientious scruples of Alexander Majors, you might be interested to know that these and similar religious principles characterized Russell, Majors & Waddell during their management of the Pony Express.

"For this information I am indebted to an article in the Saturday Evening Post . . . which described the museum in which the Wells Fargo Bank of San Francisco has gathered articles related to the early history of the Far West. One of the treasured articles in the museum is 'one of the bibles which every Pony Express rider carried.' Written in that bible is the following oath which every Pony Express rider was required to take before he was accepted into that service:

"'I do hereby swear, before the great and living God, that during my engagement, while I am an employee of Russell, Majors & Waddell, I will under no circumstances use profane language; that I will not drink intoxicating liquors; that I will not quarrel or fight with any employee of the firm; that in every respect I will conduct myself honestly, be faithful to my duties, and so direct my acts as to win the confidence of my employers. So help me God.'

"Shortly after I read this article . . . I saw . . . a moving picture short on 'The Pony Express'. In that picture, men entering the Pony Express were required to take that oath and were presented with a bible, which they were instructed to carry in their saddlebag whenever they were riding the Pony Express . . ."

Arthur K. Hurlburt of Detroit, Mich. who has been keeping close tab on the surviving Union and Confederate veterans notes that a Los Angeles newspaper of April 23 carried the news that Douglas T. Story a Civil War vet died at the age of 107.

It is said that Story ran away from home twice to join the Union Army before his father finally consented to his joining formally.

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1. The Francis Scott Key of 1948.

2. Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac on the Detroit commem of 1951.

Precancel NEWS

Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

NEW BUREAUS.

As reported by Klein Brothers. These are MARCH items. Alhambra, Calif., 373, (2c). Atlanta, Georgia, 393, (21c). Topeka, Kansas, 222, (1½c coil), Ironton, Ohio, 371, (1c). I imagine the 21c will be much sought after. As these odd denominations have a habit of being pretty hard to get. The 1½c coil from Topeka must have been ordered in anticipation of the new rate that is effective in July or a misinterpretation of the rules.

OHIO NOTES.

The second copy of the scarce town of BLISSFIELD has been turned up. This place is up near Coshocton, Ohio and is very small. The post office burned to the ground in 1936 and the precanceling device with it. Since it was a metal handstamp and this type handstamp had only been used since 1933 this particular device could not have been used very long.

The only known items are on 1928 1c comp. stamps.

North Jackson is a brand new town just recently authorized. It's a U-121N type. The BUCKEYE was mailed this month from FOREST, OHIO.

As usual a copy of the BUCKEYE will be sent to any one enclosing return postage. No precancels with the free copy.

Start Club In East Pittsburgh Area

Collectors in the district east of Pittsburgh, Pa. have organized a stamp club with meeting headquarters in the East McKeesport Borough Bldg. with sessions the second Thursday of each month.

Collectors of either sex and juniors are invited to the meetings.

Current officers are president Samuel Luehm; vice presideint C. E. Hassler; secretary Floyd Taylor and treasurer Al Halpern, 209 Atlantic Ave., McKeesport, Pa.

SCPC Installs New Officers

Everyone was agreed that the annual meeting, followed by the annual banquet was one of the outstanding events of the year for the members and friends of the Southern California Precancel Club. The eating was done at Vince and Paul's Steak House in Los Angeles.

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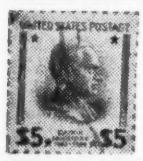
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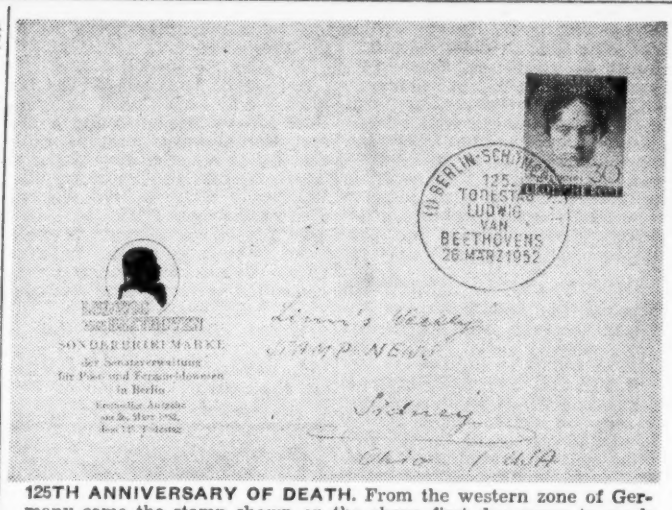
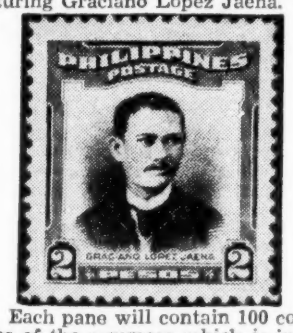


125TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH. From the western zone of Germany came the stamp shown on the above first day cover to mark the 125th anniversary of the death of Germany's great composer, Ludwig van Beethoven. The actual date and the first day of issue were the same, March 26, 1952. A death mask crowned with laurel occupies the design which is printed in a blue color. Denomination is 30 pfg. Dr. F. W. Gerhardt Schmidt, Badensche Str. 40, Berlin (Wilmersdorf), Germany sent the cover above.

Expensive Second Famous Filipino

It will cost United States collectors exactly one dollar to buy the second stamp in the Philippine Famous Men series, at face. Issued May 1, it is a 2 Pesos picturing Graciano Lopez Jaena.



Each pane will contain 100 copies of the commem which is in a "regular" postage size and is printed in a purple.

May 1 has some historical significance inasmuch as it was on that day the Battle of Manila Bay between the American and Spanish Fleets took place with the subsequent defeat of the Spaniards.

A three-quarter face view of Jaena occupies the central part of the design. Jaena was known for his oratory, political reform movements and as the founder of "La Solidaridad".

Rate of exchange between the Philippine Peso and the U. S. dollar is two Pesos equal one dollar. The stamp is for sale at face at the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Manila, Philippines.

Nashville Club Has Exhibition Cachet

There was some slip-up in the publicity which was prepared by the Nashville, Tenn. Philatelic Society announcing the cacheted cover they prepared for their recent exhibition. It didn't get to the philatelic publications in time.

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Summit, N. J. Club Chooses Officers

Stamp collectors of Summit, N. J. banded together in the Summit Community Stamp Club have elected new officers recently.

Heading the official family is president Hamilton Murray. In the second spot is vice president John Yannunzio; the treasurer is Ralph de Lucis and the secretary Frank Radler.

Visitors are welcome to the meetings which are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Memorial Field House at 8 p. m.

Da Vinci Genius Without Parallel

by Gertrude Boss

"Leonardo Da Vinci is perhaps the most resplendent figure in the history of the human race", wrote Thomas Craven in "Men of Art." Leonardo's country of Italy has honored his memory in the past with five very suggestive stamps, and just recently, in April, with a single.

For example Scott A228 was issued in 1938 in commemoration of the proclamation of the Empire; again in 1930 we see AP10, showing his "Flying Machine". Prophetically on AP12 is to be seen a tablet bearing the words, "Man with his large wings, by beating against the air, will be able to dominate it, and lift himself above it".

Ofttimes the invention of the flying machine has been attributed to the resplendent figure.

Some weeks ago more than 1000 adults and youths assembled in the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to inspect and operate the models on exhibition for a few weeks that had been constructed from the drawings in the note book of this man who was so far ahead of his time.

The Richmond exhibit showed the breadth of his interests, for there seems not to have been one field in which he did not have interest, curiosity and ideas.

What an amazing array of models to interest and intrigue the boys and girls of the grammar and high schools.

He was so versatile, and so profound of intellect and possessed so forceful a personality that superstitious people of Milan, Italy, crossed themselves when he passed them on the street.

His eyes seemed flashing with an unusual energy til he seemed like a being from another world. This young artist and inventor had specified nine machines of war which he was prepared to provide.

Leonardo designed hydraulic pumps, and foreshadowed the modern turbine with his hydraulic screw.

He worked out the mechanical advantage of multiple pulleys, and invented a clock which told minutes and hours.

In astronomy he concluded that the sun does not move, 50 years before Copernicus.

Shipbuilding, air conditioning and gunnery came into his study along with printing and bridge construction, all of which was shown by models made from the notes of this wizard of long ago.

Stamp and coin collectors visiting the Museum display spent some time studying the huge coin cutting machine which cut the coins from cold metal by falling weights.

Men clad in the uniform of Uncle Sam's Army, hovered about the cannon balls that were the forerunner of the use of modern shrapnel, and marveled that the aerial bombs were as modern in appearance as our latest military weapon, and that a tiny automobile jack model has improved very little to this day.

All the models were made from Leonardo's drawings.

In his day dukes and princes and merchant empire builders bid for the services of that phenomenal intellect which fate had bestowed upon the son of a 16 year old unwed peasant of the village of Vinci.

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He was elected member of the Illinois Legislature in 1834—studied law and practiced in Springfield beginning 1837 — married Mary Todd 1842—member of Congress 1847, where his anti-slavery bill failed to pass. In 1856 the newly formed Republican party nominated Lincoln for U. S. senator, and it was during this campaign that he debated with Stephen A. Douglas, Democrat, the pros and cons of slavery. Lincoln lost the election, but he became an out-standing candidate for President of the U. S. in 1860—and he won.

Slave states continued seceding in 1861, and he issued a call for 75,000 volunteers in April, and proclaimed a blockade of southern ports. In September he issued his preliminary proclamation, freeing all slaves in seceded territory, but not yet in the states, which he followed on January 1, 1863 by his Emancipation Proclomation with full coverage.

After Lee's decisive defeat at Gettysburg July 1, 1863, Lincoln made his renowned Gettysburg address, dedicating the huge military cemetery there on November 19, 1863. He was reelected President in 1864, by 212 electoral votes, against 21 votes for McClellan.

In April 1865 Lee's final surrender ended the Civil war——and 5 days later, relaxing in a box at Ford's theater, Lincoln was fatally shot by John Wilkes Booth, actor and fanatic, and he died the following day, April 15, 1865.

The country mourns his passing even today....

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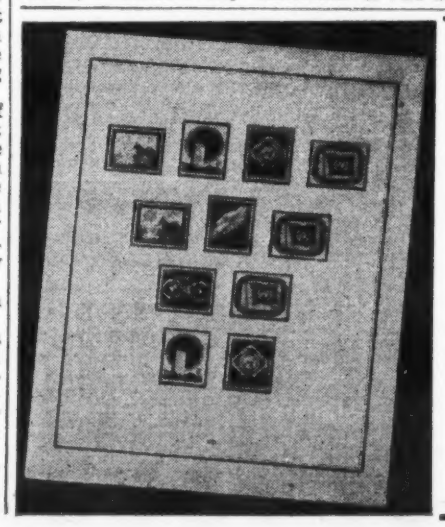

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BARBADOS — Four stamps marking the centenary of the first postage stamps appeared April 15, according to the Crown Agents for the Colonies. The 3c, 4c, 12c, and 24c denominations are of a single design with a reduced reproduction of the first type and portrait of the Late George VI.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — Three youth stamps were released March 21. Values are 1.50Kc., 2Kc. and 3Kc.

FINLAND—A three value set of semipostals honoring Marshal Mannerheim has been released as the 1952 Red Cross issue. Values, portraying the late Field Marshal, are 25 plus 5 marks, 15 plus 3m. and 10 plus 2m.

GREECE—It is reported that a four value issue has been approved. Three stamps will portray King Paul and the fourth will show the goddess "Fame" and the king.

ISRAEL—Three stamps appeared April 29 for the fourth anniversary of Israel Independence.

LUXEMBOURG — Word has been received of the Centilux issue of two postage and five airmails, to be released May 24. Postage values will be 2fr. and 4fr., while the airmails will comprise the 80c, 1.25fr., 4fr., 8fr., and 10fr.

PARAGUAY — The General Stamp Company notes that two hundred sets of the Columbus set have been reported as existing imperforate. This embraces seven postage values showing the Columbus Lighthouse in the Dominican Republic, with the "U.P.U.-1951" inscription in the upper corners and eight "Urn" type airmails.

TONGA—A new definitive issue has been ordered from Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. Ltd. There will be fourteen values to the £1.

VATICAN — The centenary of the first Roman States stamp will be marked by a 50 lire stamp and a 200 lire souvenir sheet, according to Vittorio Lo Bianco. The stamp will feature a mail coach coming off the Mollo Bridge in Rome, with a 50 Baj. Roman States stamp in the background.

VIRGIN ISLANDS—The pictorial set in decimal currency was issued April 15.

Coatesville Show At YMCA May 9-11

Three days, May 9 to 11, have been set aside by the Coatesville, Pa. YMCA Stamp Club for its third exhibition to be staged in the YMCA of Coatesville.

Six sections in which collectors whether members or not can enter cover the world of stamps and covers and specialties. A seventh section is reserved for members of the Roosevelt Stamp Club of the Veteran's Hospital.

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The Flag sheets have been around in quantity at prices that make them look cheap if you can recall when they were in great demand at the $52-$54 level. For the first time in months there are signs of a slight strengthening here, as currently reflected in the $36.50-$39.00 quotations. At least the bottom seems to have been reached, and perhaps the coming year may produce even better activity and price changes.

Great quantities of Flags have been used in controlled mail operations while they were available at the face level, and even more of them have been used for ordinary postal use, a factor that eventually may have a bearing on supply and demand.

For example one of our clients had a holding of France Flags that was so large that much of it was offered below face because the market was too thin to absorb it on any other basis. That holding has long been exhausted, and unless there are other comparable lots around, it is quite possible that France Flags will some day be one of the better low value issues.

We once listed a firm Bid of $3.00 for this sheet when supply exceeded demand, so if history repeats itself, France Flags may do even better in the next cycle.

We have received a copy of Joseph Granville's new book, EVERYBODY'S GUIDE TO STAMP INVESTMENT, and while we may not agree 100% with the theories presented, certainly a book like this will do much to stimulate interest and discussion among stamp collectors and investors.

If you accept the author's premise that there are an estimated 15,000,000 stamp collectors in the U. S., Mr. Granville's presentation follows logically.

Since no two people can agree on the vital figure concerning the number of stamp collectors, anyone should be entitled to his opinion. Along the same line, one of our favorite stamps with a future, has been the 2c Black Harding Imperf, of which only 770,000 copies were printed. Now, if one tenth of the estimated 15,000,000 collectors were interested in U. S., this would leave about one half of a stamp for each album, assuming that none had ever been lost or destroyed, and the only logical conclusion to be made would be that the 2c Black Harding should be a really scarce item. Prevailing retail of 95c should be a steal, yet most collections coming our way contain this stamp, and many of our friends with sizeable accumulations can produce sizeable quantities of this item.

This isn't the first time I've given some thought to the issue in question. In fact the writer thought enough of the issue to add a few lots to his own personal collection at a time when wholesale was $1.50 per stamp. Some day when collectors are ready to buy that other half stamp they need to complete the above picture of 770,000 stamps in the hands of 1,500,000 U. S. collectors out of 15,000,000 total, maybe I can sell my modest lot at a fabulous profit!

—Warren W. Scholl

APS Convention Labor Day Week

Philadelphia will welcome the 66th annual convention of the American Philatelic Society, September 2 to 5 with headquarters being established in the Hotel Warwick.

Hosts for the event are APS Chapter 18 of Philadelphia and the National Philatelic Museum. The Museum will be the scene of the convention exhibition, bourse and auction. Liaison will be maintained between the hotel and museum by free buses.

The plans call for the dedication of the Philatelic Division, Free Library of Philadelphia, on Tuesday evening September 2, to which all collectors are invited. The library has purchased several famous collections of philatelic literature including those assembled by Eugene Klein and Hiram Dietz. They will be displayed to the public for the first time during this ceremony. There will be a reception following the dedication.

The first meeting of the convention will be on Wednesday morning, September 3. The afternoon will be given over to a symposium and in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buten will be hosts to conventioners at a lawn party on their estate in Merion, one of Philadelphia's suburbs.

The annual banquet will be at the Warwick Hotel on Thursday evening. A "Writers Breakfast" is planned for Friday morning.

It is suggested early hotel reservations be made. Write directly to the Hotel Warwick, 17th & Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa., or to the General Chairman, Earl P. L. Apfelbaum, 504 Finance Bldg., Phila. 2, Pa.

South Carolinians Meet In Two Cities

Members of a new southern stamp club are meeting once a month in each of two communities... The Piedmont Stamp Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Anderson, S. C. YMCA, and the third Tuesday at the Belton, S. C. High School.

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THANKS to the many readers who sent cheering messages during my four weeks battle with pneumonia and a relapse.

AUSTRALIA. On February 20, 1952, Australia released a new 6½d stamp in brown. On April 4 it was officially announced that this stamp would be superceded on April 9 with a 6½d stamp printed in green.

This change was made in order to avoid confusion with the current 3½d value which is similar in design and is printed in reddish brown.

The 6½d brown was in use for only six weeks and being one of the supposed permanent issue, was not stocked heavily by the dealers as it was assumed that supplies would be available when required.

This 6½d brown is already scarce and due for a substantial increase in price with the probability of becoming a future rarity.

GEORGE VI. The demand for the stamps of George VI continues and has resulted in a temporary shortage of many items. As explained previously, there will be plenty of these stamps available until the Elizabeth II stamps appear.

In addition to announcing a long list of current stamps ordered from the printers, the Crown Agents announce—"It will not, of course, be possible to arrange for all issues to be altered simultaneously, and the changes will therefore be made as and when suitable opportunities occur and the printers can undertake the work involved. Separate announcements will be made regarding the change in individual issues in due course. ALL new definitive issues and commemorative issues which have already been announced and not yet placed on sale will be released bearing a portrait of His Late Majesty where applicable and the usual announcements regarding the dates of release will appear at the appropriate time."

CORONATION. While no date has been fixed for the Coronation of Elizabeth II, it probably will occur in the spring or summer of 1953. If a commemorative issue is planned for this event, it is suggested that the same be confined to a single stamp of the value representing the ordinary local postage rate.

This has been the custom in the United States, Canada, Australia etc., where the popularity of these single commemoratives probably produced more revenue than the higher priced sets.

LIBYA. Although not a part of the British Empire, the Crown Agents released on April 15, a set of twelve stamps from 2 to 500 mills and four postage due stamps from 2 to 50 mills.

Coming from the Crown Agents, many dealers and collectors are under the impression that Libya is a British Territory, and you will find these stamps offered by dealers who specialize in British Empire only. It is possible?? that this may be planned but no official announcement has thus far appeared.

NORTH BORNEO. In 1950 a set of fifteen stamps from 1c to $10. was released bearing the portrait of George VI. At that time it was discovered that there was an error on the 50c value on which the name JESSELTON was incorrectly spelled JESSLETON. There was a rush by collectors to get this error, which always has been and is still available.

Now it is reported that reprinting of ten values of this set will be released on May 1 and that the 50c value will be with the revised and correct spelling of Jesselton.

This will be a new stamp for collectors and is part of the original set.

SPECIAL EDITIONS

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July 26 — British North America Philatelic Society.

August 25—Airport Dedication Society.

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

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Olympic Issue From Trieste-B

Two commemorative issues have been officially announced by the Military Government of Trieste's B-zone, according to P. Ostrow.

On June 1 a 15-dinar stamp will be issued to mark Children's Week, from June 1 to 7.

At the end of the month, six stamps will be released to mark the 15th Olympics. Denominations will consist of a 5-dinar, depicting gymnastics, 10d athletics, 15d swimming, 28d boxing, 50d basketball and 100d soccer.

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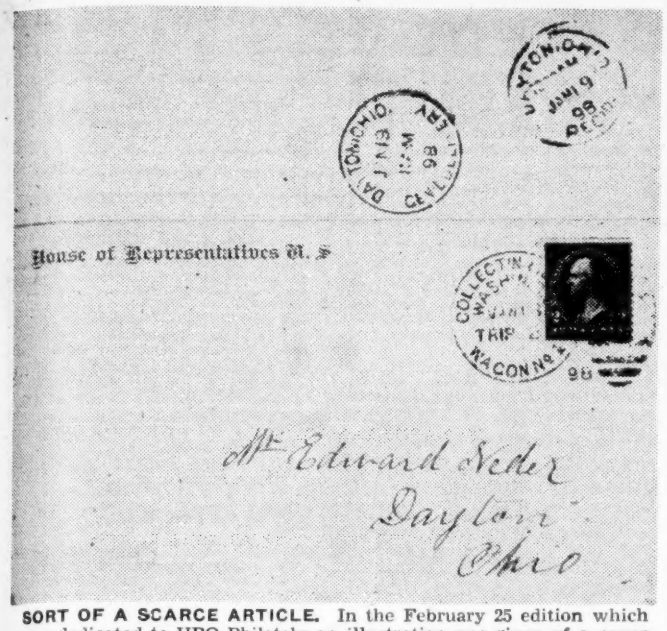


SORT OF A SCARCE ARTICLE. In the February 25 edition which was dedicated to HPO Philately an illustration was given of a cover similar to the one above. A bit of the history of the "Collection & Distribution" Wagons was also given. The cover above bears one of the Collection and Distribution postmarks with a date of January 18, 1898. On the back of the cover are the receiving postmark of Dayton, Ohio, and the General Delivery, where it reposed pending the pick up by the addressee. The above are shown through the courtesy of Richard Fullerton of Dayton, Ohio.

Waukegan Show For Three Days

Mayor Robert Coulson of Waukegan, Ill. has proclaimed May 16, 17 and 18 as Philatelic Days of Waukegan at which time the Lake County Philatelic Society will hold its 15th Annual Spring Exhibition at the Gas Hospitality House, 212 Madison St.

The annual banquet takes place at 6:00 P. M., Saturday, May 17 to be followed by an auction. Substantial awards will go to the winning exhibits of what is expected to be a keenly competitive show.

Bevier Butts, 2700 Oakland, Waukegan, Illinois is Exhibition Chairman."

Spain Will Call On Independent Artists

Outside artists are being invited by Spain to prepare designs for "Colonial Stamp Day" semipostals to be issued by Spanish Guinea, Spanish Sahara and Ifni. According to Carlos Lenze of Madrid, Spain the first day of issue for the three will be November 23.

Denominations and quantities are to be 5c plus 5c (600,000); 10c plus 5c (600,000); and 60c plus 15c (467,000). Funds derived from the surtax will be devoted to charitable institutions.

There will be no limit to the period of sale or validity of the issues. It is expected that with the small quantities that they will all be sold quickly.

Germany Issues Da Vinci Commem

Germany too is joining with other nations in marking the 500th anniversary of birth of that most gifted man of an earlier day, Leonardo da Vinci.

A 5pf denomination shows da Vinci's portrait of the Mona Lisa, now housed in the Louvre, Paris. An inscription on the stamp gives the anniversary dates and the artist's name.

Names of the flowers to be seen on the recent issue of "Summer" semipostals from Holland have been revealed by Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, England. On the 2c plus 2c is a dune rose; 5c plus 3c marsh marigold; 6c plus 4c tulip; 10c plus 5c marguerite; 20c plus 5c cornflower.

Laotian women are featured in the designs of a new set of stamps for regular postage of Laos released April 13. Denominations are 30c, 80c, 1.10p, 1.90p and 3p. Postage dues showing the Vatsisaket Monument have values of 10c, 20c, 50c, 1, 2 and 5 piastres. Three airmails were also issued at that time they picturing a Laotian woman weaving. Values are 10, 20 and 30 piastres.

Also reported by Whitfield King & Co. are added details of the stamps to be issued to commemorate the Centenary of the First Luxembourg Postage Stamp soon to be available. The ordinary postage set, 2 francs black and green and 4fr. brown-red and green are engraved and recess printed in two colors by Joh. Enschede & Sons, of Haarlem.

The stamps are to be issued setenant in sheets of 48, that is four rows of eight, with a gutter in between the middle two rows in which appears the inscription "CENTILUX" and printers imprint. The air mail stamps are all printed in grey-black and violet-black in the following colors: —80 cents green; 2.50fr. red; 4fr blue; 8fr chestnut; 10fr grey-brown. The two top values can be purchased only at the Exhibition Post Office against an admission ticket.

A matter of a millimeter or so makes the difference between the new official overprints from South West Africa and the old ones. Denominations affected are the 1d, 1½d, 2d and 6d.

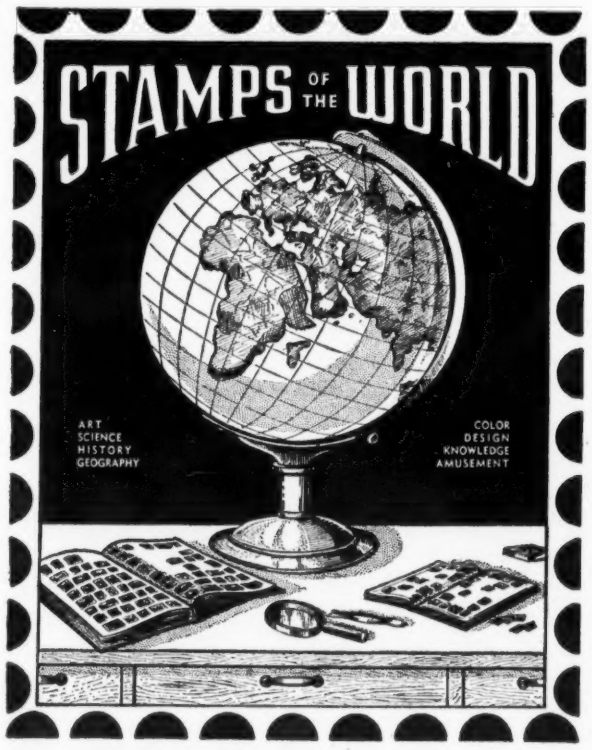
In the previous issue the English overprint measured 15mm and the Afrikaans 16½mm. The new one measures 16½mm and 18mm respectively.

Being an island colony, the seal of Bahamas appropriately enough pictures the ocean and a sailing vessel.

START HIM RIGHT

Do not let the young fellow you know get a wrong start in his activity of stamp collecting. Too many are discouraged by envelopes filled with stamps listed in the catalogues at 2c and up each, and as plentiful as sand on the seashore. Such things make the youngsters wonder what it is all about. Books with hundreds of spaces for stamps and pictures of some of them mislead the youth.

The object is not just to Buy stamps and stick them in a book. The object should be to learn from your stamps, find an interest in a few, get the story they tell you and then follow it up to other things you can learn from your stamps. Most dealers' cheap albums mislead the youth into wanting a lot of stamps to stick in the album spaces.



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Do not let the boys start wrong, give them one of these albums and see them enjoy it. You could make a lot of youngsters happy by using a lot of these albums for a Boy Scout Group or some other Youth Activity. The cost is so little that you can well afford to help the young collector get started right. We urge you to get a sample of this book that is designed for youth and study it. You will see the possibilities of holding the interest of the young collector, you will want to give copies to all your young friends. Get them started right.

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The album is a large 11x8½ inch size and has definite spaces for a limited number of stamps from every country now issuing stamps. Geographic and Philatelic data about each country is included and instructions how to build a stamp collection will tell the youth just how to do it. This is not a dealers scheme to sell stamps. It restricts and limits the need for stamps, rather it teaches as one goes along and will hold the interest of the youngster.

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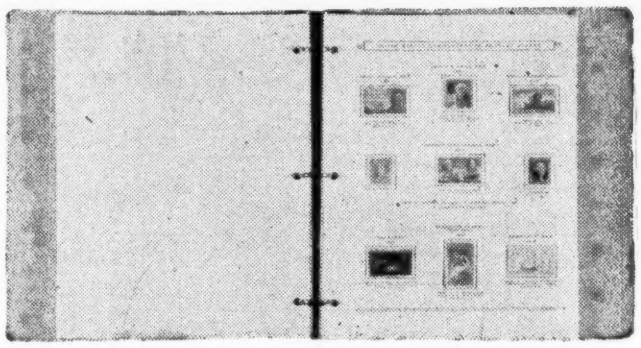

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COMMEMORATIVES —AIRMAILS

837 (6)	9.00	758 (6)	1.35	896	.55
848 (6)	1.60	759 (6)	1.40	897	.60
849 (6)	1.35	760 (6)	1.40	898	.55
850 (6)	20.00	761 (6)	2.00	899	.18
610 (6)	1.60	762 (6)	2.00	900	.22
611 (6)	9.50	763 (6)	2.00	901	.50
612	13.50	764 (6)	2.00	902	.90
614 (6)	1.20	765 (6)	2.10	903	.50
615 (6)	2.25	756-65 Set		904	.45
616 (6)	18.00		14.50	905	.22
617 (6)	1.50	771 (6)	8.75	906	3.00
618 (6)	2.50	772	.30	907	.20
619 (6)	10.60	773	.30	908	.25
620 (6)	7.00	774 (6)	.40	909	1.50
621 (6)	32.50	775	.30	910	.50
627 (6)	2.75	776	.30	911	.35
628 (6)	9.25	777	.30	912	.35
629 (6)	2.10	782	.30	913	.35
643 (6)	1.25	783	.30	914	.35
644 (6)	2.25	784	.25	915	.40
645 (6)	1.00	785	.13	916	.80
646	2.50	786	.18	917	.75
847	3.75	787	.23	918	.80
648	10.00	788	.65	919	.65
649 (6)	.85	789	.65	920	.80
850 (6)	4.25	790	.13	921	1.65
651 (6)	.95	791	.18	909-21 Set	
654 (6)	1.15	792	.23		8.50
655	1.60	793	.65	922	.40
657 (6)	1.20	794	.70	923	.35
680 (6)	1.60	786-94 Set		924	.35
681 (6)	1.35		3.00	925	.65
682 (6)	2.00	795	.30	926	.35
683 (6)	3.00	796	1.20	927	.30
688 (6)	2.25	798	.30	928	.32
689 (6)	1.90	799	.30	929	.20
690 (6)	.95	800	.30	930	.10
702	.40	801	.30	931	.20
703	.40	802	.30	932	.20
704	.18	835	.65	933	.30
705	.20	836 (6)	.85	934	.20
706	.80	837	2.20	935	.20
707	.20	838	.65	936	.20
708	.65	852	.35	937	.20
709	.45	853	.38	938	.20
710	.95	854 (6)	.70	939	.20
711	3.00	855	.50	940	.20
712	.55	856 (6)	.95	941	.20
713	1.85	857	.32	942	.20
714	1.25	858	.33	943	.20
715	7.00	859	.14	944	.20
704-15 Set		860	.16	945	.20
	16.25	861	.30	946	.20
716 (6)	1.20	862	.95	947	.20
717	.50	863	5.75	949	.20
718	.90	864	.30	950	.20
719	1.15	865	.22	951	.20
724 (6)	.90	866	.60	952	.20
725 (6)	1.60	867	1.10	953	.20
726 (6)	1.00	868	6.50	954	.20
727	.42	869	.25	955	.20
728	.23	870	.35	956	.20
729	.33	871	.70	957	.20
732	.30	872	1.10	958	.40
733 (6)	.93	873	2.85	959	.20
734 (6)	2.70	874	.15	960	.25
736 (6)	.95	875	.20	961	.20
(+10% V.F.)		876	.20	962	.20
737	.25	877	.65	963	.20
738 (6)	.65	878	3.15	964	.35
739 (6)	.50	879	.20	965	.50
740 (6)	.15	880	.20	966	.40
741 (6)	.22	881	.35	967	.20
742 (6)	.35	882	.95	968	.28
743 (6)	.55	883	4.25	969	.22
744 (6)	.70	884	.15	970	.22
745 (6)	.85	885	.20	971	.27
746 (6)	1.10	886	.25	972	.23
747 (6)	1.10	887	1.10	973	.30
748 (6)	2.20	888	4.60	974	.20
749 (6)	3.50	889	.45	975	.25
740-49 Set		890	.20	976	.30
	9.50	891	.45	977	.22
752	.75	892	1.95	978	.22
753 (6)	1.00	893	9.25	979	.22
754 (6)	1.30	859-93 Set		980	.22
755 (6)	1.30		40.00	981 to 1006	
756 (6)	.40	894	1.65	inclusive,	
757 (6)	.60	895	1.25	each	.20

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C 9 (6)	2.00	C24 (6)	7.00	C35	.85
C10 (6)	2.85	C25	.35	C36	1.75
C11 (6)	1.85	C26	.45	C38	1.60
C12 (6)	2.65	C27	.60	C39	.35
C16	1.65	C28	.90	C40	.40
C17	1.10	C29	1.20	C42	.80
C19	1.00	C30	1.70	C43	.90
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C21 (6)	2.85	C32	.30	C45	.40

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PLANNING THE 58TH ANNUAL SPA CONVENTION-EXHIBITION are this group of men and women from the immediate area surrounding New York City. This year members of the Society of Philatelic Americans will have their show and business sessions in the Hotel Astor August 14 through 17. Seated around the table, left to right are:—Wally Ringel, Mrs. Meta Haas, Mrs. Rose Reiner, Mrs. Margaret Hackett, Agnes Burlingame, Ignatz Reiner (vice chairman and vice president of the SPA), Stephen G. Rich (chairman and director of the SPA), Mrs. Eva Eggeling (secretary), Louise Clemencon, Mrs. Emma K. Fiehl, Jean Fraser and Ethel Armstrong. Standing from left to right are:—Jack Pomerantz, Louis Sloan, Fred Barovick, Dr. Arthur Swenson, Jack Hoffberg, Robert Dempsey, Allyn H. Wright, Philip E. Baker, and Isadore Willinger.

The World Of Stamps

by Janet van den Berg

Just saw a wholesale parcel of stamps from London containing those CANCELLED TO ORDER British Colonials. These are not the forged cancellation varieties which have long been distributed from the Chicago area but are post office postmarked-to-order just the way that Bosnia, Liechtenstein etc. used to do. No one denounced such practices more than the British, and now they're doing it themselves. It's really too bad. Look out for this trash:—

African Royal Visits, 26 vars.; Ascension 1949 set; Barbados, current set through 1 shilling; Cook Islands Coronations; Cyprus current set; Falkland Islands current set; Jamaica Constitution; set; Moroccan Agencies and Tangier Postal Centenary sets; New Zealand 1943 Healths; North Borneo 1947 Royal Cypher set; Sarawak 1946 Centenary set.

Comparing auction catalogs of today with those of a decade ago one cannot help being struck by the way in which stamps have been upgraded in the interim.

Items then described as "good" are now rated "very fine" and even "superb". I just can't get used to the idea of calling a badly centered or horribly cancelled specimen "fine," but it's done in catalog after catalog. All of which probably explains why catalogs seldom bear the name of the describer these days. No wonder some firms get back dozens of lots after every sale.

Ernest Vanderhoef of 339 Grand Avenue, Long Beach, Cal. has purchased the great Forbin stock of USA revenues from this eminent fiscal dealer's daughter. It was the finest such stock in Europe and one of the world's truly great holdings. A. Forbin was long the foremost dealer in revenues at a time when they were still freely collected and continued active past his 80th year.

His foreign revenue catalogue, published in 1915, was the last such general compilation to appear and is a rarity today. Queer more people don't go in for fiscals —they are every bit as fascinating as stamps and cost but a fraction as much. Incidentally, Mr. Vanderhoef has an immense stock of them, certainly the best in America.

Albums, album leaves and spring binders are all seriously short in Britain and most shops feature second hand material. The irony of it is that the Rapkin firm in London is the world's foremost blankleaf album producer and exports its wares to all parts of the world including Yemen and Nepal. This "for export only" business is beginning to get under British skins.

Robson Lowe of 50 Pall Mall, London SW3 is offering a collection of 1,100 early Mexican forgeries including covers for $770. G. S. Waters of The Stamp Shop, Waterloo Station, London SE 1, is offering 1942-1944 Indo-Chinese postal forgeries on cover. They were made by a Hanoi stamp clerk who sold them at his own window. He ultimately got caught and the items are in great demand today. Contemporary covers bearing them with the Hanoi cancellation bring about $15 each.

Dean Howard Robinson of Oberlin College, whose distinguished book on the British Postal Service was recently accorded the annual award of the Ohio Academy of History, is currently in Australia on a Fulbright Fellowship. He is putting the finishing touches onto a volume on postal service in the British Empire, to be published by the Oxford University Press.

There will be 30 different varieties of First Jet Plane Flight covers on the inaugural London-Johannesburg-London flight next month, counting them from point to point, 15 out and 15 back. A full set will run about $28 but huge quantities are already on hand to be carried so there'll be plenty for ordinary folks like me for whom a single cover will amply suffice.

A foreign vestpocket dealer making the rounds in New York is offering counterfeit Liberian 1897 3c. They look pale and washed out and have flat gum.

Those "Minto" hinges mentioned here the other week are of Swedish manufacture. They are not yet on sale in the USA but Harris Publications of 445 Strand, London WC2 can supply 10 packs of 200 each for £1. Yeppy, the world's most expensive hinge, but it keeps mints mint. Not to be outdone, a British firm, the Trupel Stamp Mount Co., of 84 Westgate, Bradford, has developed a similar product, the Trupel Hinge, which sells for 2 shillings 6 pence per 250 instead of 200. Now watch American ingenuity match the Swedes and the British!

Herman Herst has now announced a buying trip to Europe. The squire of Shrub Oak is already running ads in European papers stating that he will be at the Cumberland Hotel in London, among other places and that he will pay top cash prices for anything USA from superb copies down to the rankest culls offered him there between 12 and 18 May. He met his wife, Ingeborg, while in Britain some years back and they make buying trips biennially.

Literature enthusiasts interested in building up files of the Collectors Club Philatelist find certain numbers in the late 20's and early 30's almost unprocurable. That is because the late Charles Phillips, former owner of Stanley Gibbons who moved to New York and established a business there in his own name, used to purchase armsful of particular issues to send to his clients. This kind act, resulting in a sad unbalancing of stock, has caused complications for years. In fact, only scattered numbers before 1941 are now available and dozens of collectors are scrambling for odds ones. I myself have been after the July 1926 issue for several years, both here and abroad, without any luck at all.

As recently as 10 years ago, the market was full of straight-edged dollar Columbians. Today, there are almost none. Wonder whether there's any relation between that fact and the fact that a Detroit engineering concern put a very efficient perforating device with interchangeable gauges on the market at $25 about that time? Reperf jobs aren't so hard to identify if you're looking for them but, of course, lots of small town auction buyers have never been alerted and much of this stuff, floated by fly-by-night concerns, gets planted.

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The stamps show various old maps of the early settlements. Most of these were surveys made by Jehudi Ashmun.

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I'll include some pamphlets published in 1949, dealing with Jehudi Ashmun. Last are also available free for the asking if you already have the new set. One of these articles is an eulogy written a few days after Ashmun died and printed in a newspaper October 1828. The other is the famous "Lost Man of History" pamphlet written by George Huban, an alumnae of Middlebury College in Vermont where once so long ago Jehudi Ashmun attended. The founder of Liberia is buried in a churchyard in New Haven, Connecticut and stamp collectors there may see the weather beaten sandstone tomb bearing the legend "Ashmun".

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